



Jenny League (T-Ball) Rules

Code of Conduct:

The Dobbs Ferry Youth Little League is committed to advancing the principals of sportsmanship and fair play. Our goal is to promote mutual respect among players, coaches, umpires, and spectators while providing a quality environment for our children to learn the game of Baseball. The Code is intended to provide behavioral guidance and establish clear expectations for all involved.

It is the obligation of **ALL** program participants, spectators and volunteers, to comply with the terms and provisions of the DFYLL Code of Conduct. Any person violating the Code shall be subject to review and possible administrative action by the DFYLL Board of Directors.

Eligibility:

- Pre-school and kindergarten age children who will be 5 years old by August 1st of the current year. Final decision of eligibility remains with the DFYLL Board of Directors.

Jenny League Objectives:

The Goal of this league is to provide a positive, instructional baseball program where the focus is on participation, learning and enjoyment of the game in a safe, fun environment.

Game Day:

Preliminary:

- **Alternate players:** No
- **Warm-ups:** Each team will be allowed 10 minutes of field practice ***IF TIME ALLOWS*** before the start time of the game
- **Dugout assignment:** Home team takes 3rd base side of the field. Home Team will supply the bases (if needed)
- **Dugout – Players:** All players not in the field must remain in the dugout area.
- **Field – Coaches:** Yes

- **Field Coaches:** A maximum of three coaches are allowed on the field (Positioned at the edge of the infield / outfield) for the defensive team.
- **Line-up exchange:** No

Equipment:

- **General Equipment Rules:** No Jewelry is to be worn at any time (with the exception of Medic Alert ID's). Use of cell phones or electronic devices is prohibited in the dugout or playing field.
- **Uniform:** Players must wear league supplied uniform. Shirts must be tucked in and hats worn.
- **Eyewear:** For All Children who are required to wear glasses or contacts, the DFYLL strongly recommends the use certified safety eyewear. Sunglasses are prohibited unless certified safety glass is used.
- **Footwear:** Rubber tipped shoes, sneakers, or non-metal cleats must be worn.
- **Batter and Base Runners:** LL approved helmet must be worn by batter, and base runners.
- **Bats:** All bats must be Little League Approved. Only bats supplied by DFYLL will be used during games and practices.
- **Batting doughnuts:** Not Allowed.
- **Balls:** Only League supplied Baseballs and Softballs are to be used during games and practices.

Game Format:

- **Scheduled Innings:** 3
- **Max Innings:** 3, an inning is considered one rotation through the batting order.
- **Max Playing Time:** No inning can start after 1 ½ hours.
- **Games called due to darkness or inclement weather:** Coaches will make the final decision.
- **Scoring Game:** There is no game score kept. **ALL GAMES WILL END IN A TIE!**

Post Game:

- In-Line congratulatory hand shakes between the teams.

Pitching:

- **Coach Pitch:** A batting tee is recommended for the first 6 games, after that the coach will attempt to pitch to the player. If after 5 pitches the ball is not hit into fair territory, the tee should be used **for that at bat.**
- **Coach hit by batted ball in fair territory:** Ball remains in play.

Batting:

Note: Only the current batter at home plate should have a bat. Players waiting for their turn at bat should be lined up at the team's dugout without bats in hand.

- **Batting Tee:** Yes, as stated above.
General rules for using the tee:
 1. The ball should be placed on the batting tee at the mid level point of the traditional strike zone (between the knees and mid chest).
 2. Players are to set up even with the tee.
 3. Use of practice swings must be monitored by the coach and be performed at home plate.
 4. If the batter hits the tee, it is to be considered a foul ball.
- **Balls:** N/A
- **Strikes:** There are no strikeouts. The batter will swing until they hit the ball and run to first base.
- **Batting order:** The batting order must change each inning. All players will bat each inning.
- **Player arriving after the start of the game:** Must be added to the end of the batting order.
- **On Deck Batter:** For safety reasons, this is *not* allowed
- **Throwing of Bat or Equipment:** Strict warning to the offending player and team should be given by the offensive team's coach.
- **Bunting:** Not permitted.

****Note: A coach / parent should be assigned to assist in keeping players aware of when they are due up in the batting order.**

Base Running:

**** Note: Base runners should advance one base at a time with the exception of when the last batter is up. After the last batter hits the ball, all base runners should advance around the bases to home plate.**

- **Safety Base:** Base runners running to first base are required to touch the designated "Safety Base" (where provided). The use of this base is to avoid a possible collision between runner and fielder. A runner *not* touching the "Safety Base" will have the base runners coach re-enforce the rule.
- **Leading:** The base runner is not permitted to leave the base until the ball is hit.
- **Blocking the Base:** Not allowed.
- **Tagging up:** Not allowed.
- **Stealing:** Not allowed.

Fielding:

- **Infield Fly Rule:** Not used.
- **# of defensive players:** All
- **Positioning:** See positioning chart, exclusive of the catcher no more than 6 infielders will be allowed. Infielders must play no closer than even with the base. Outfielders must be at least 10 feet onto the agreed upon outfield designation.
- **Playing time:** All players may play in the field
- **Defensive substitution:** No defensive substitutions may take place in the middle of an inning except to accommodate for injury.
- **Rotation of the players:** Rotation of players is **REQUIRED** for every inning. No player should play the same or similar position twice in a game (both pitcher helpers are considered one position when rotating players).

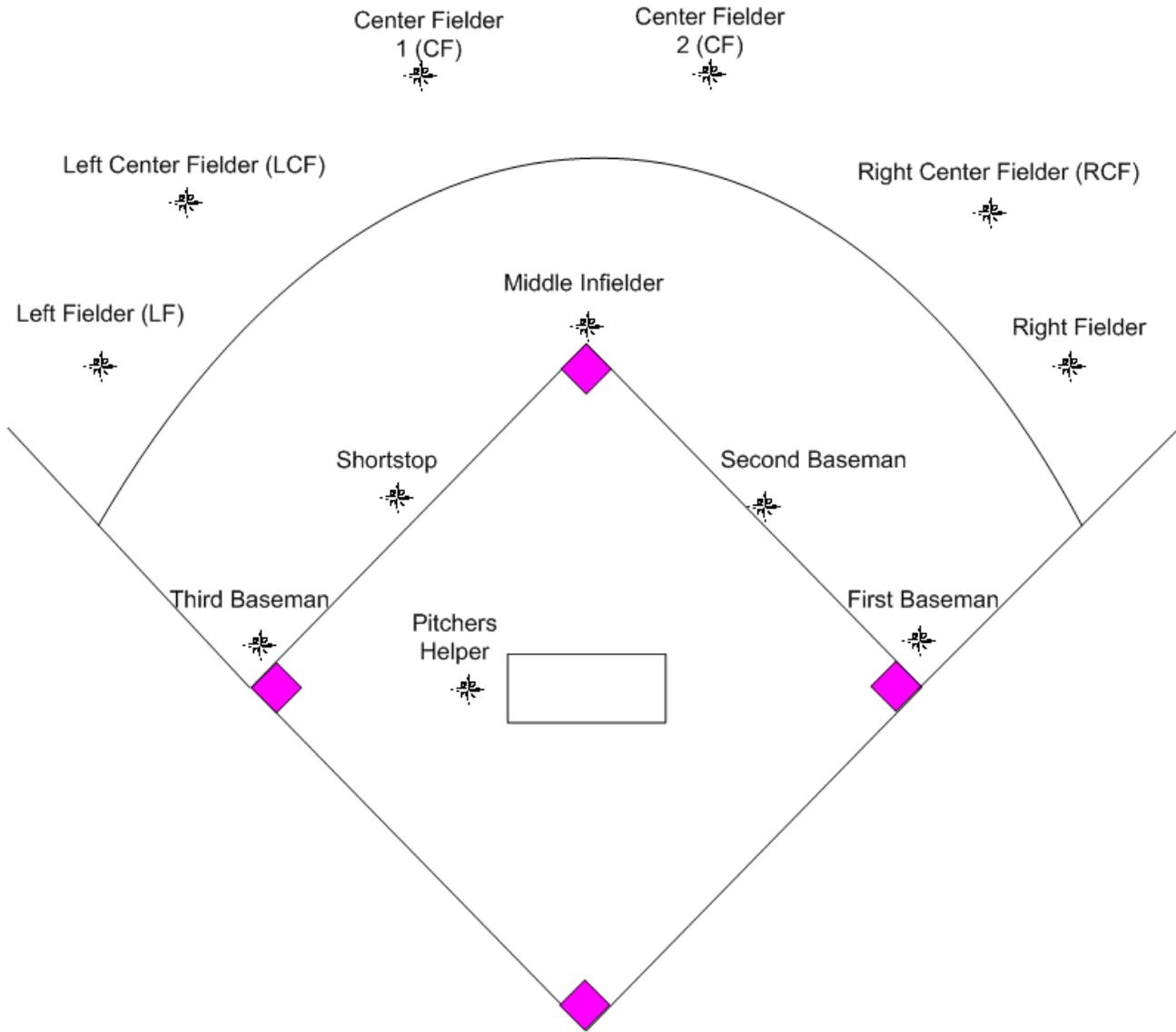
League Standings:

- N/A

Playoffs:

- N/A

JENNY LEAGUE POSITIONING CHART



* Additional Players over the 12 noted on this diagram should fill in around the outfield.